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For: *METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DETERMINING DISK DRIVE PARAMETER IN ACCORDANCE WITH AMBIENT TEMPERATURE*

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR §§1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, applicant cites, and provides copies of the following art references:

U.S. PATENT REFERENCES

	<u>U.S. Patent No.</u>	<u>Inventor(s)</u>	<u>Issued Date</u>
✓	3,753,254	Ruble et al.	14 August 1973
✓	5,566,077	Kulakowski et al.	15 October 1996
✓	5,808,438	Jeffrey	15 September 1998
✓	6,078,455	Enarson et al.	20 June 2000
✓	6,088,662	Flinsbaugh et al.	11 July 2000
✓	6,124,998	Kanegae	26 September 2000
✓	6,229,275	Yamamoto	8 May 2001

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	<u>Foreign Patent No.</u>	<u>Inventor(s)</u>	<u>Issued Date</u>
✓	GB 2 341 267	Enarson et al.	8 March 2000

Other Documents

- ✓ United Kingdom Patent Office's combined search and examination report No. GB 0125016.6 dated 17 May 2002

Discussion

According to the Examiner, Enerson '455 and Seagate '267 disclose a system for optimizing the operational threshold performance of a disk drive through temperature control. An optimum temperature range is set and a sensor periodically measures the temperature of the disk drive whilst the disk drive is at idle.

Yamamoto '275 discloses, according to the British Examiner, a semiconductor device for use in a disk drive. The device comprises a temperature detection section, whereby, if the temperature rises or falls beyond a predetermined range a signal is sent to the spindle motor driver to compensate for the extreme temperature.

Kanegae '998, according to the British Examiner, includes a temperature detecting unit which, at predetermined times, detects the ambient temperature of the recording medium, and compares the value to threshold values. The write current is then adjusted accordingly.

Flinsbaugh '662, according to the British Examiner, discloses a temperature sensing system for use in a computer disk drive, whereby the effects of the temperature are compensated by optimizing temperature related read/write parameters such as MR pre amp write current magnitude

and read bias current.

Jeffrey '438, according to the British Examiner, discloses a system that in response to the signal from the temperature sensor the voltage applied to the actuator motor is adjusted to compensate.

Kulakowski '077, according to the British Examiner, discloses a control system that when the temperature exceeds a first threshold the control circuit inhibits the high/low temperatures write and erase operations, and the operating temperature of the drive is maintained within predetermined parameters.

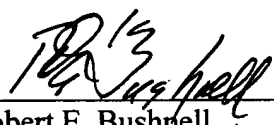
Ruble '254, according to the British Examiner, discloses two thermistors, and if a change in temperature is detected, the signals are compared to a set reference temperature in order to generate a compensation signal to correct the head position controller.

The citation of the foregoing references is not intended to constitute an assertion that other or more relevant art does not exist. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to make a wide-ranging and thorough search of the relative arts.

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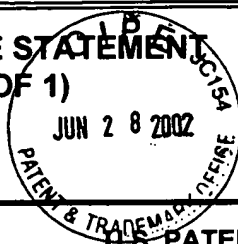


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